

SPORTS



'PATTERNS' ON WATER

Over 70 entrants from ten clubs attended the recent all-Union synchronized swimming cup at the Olimpiyskiy Sports Complex in Moscow. Left to right: top "solists" Muscovite Tatyana Tlova and the top pair of Alfyra Zhamsaidova and Maria Chernyayeva (also of Moscow).

Photos by Andrei Knyazev



Time for ice-hockey battles

all the best players they have, who will enter the competition in several months' time.

The only exception is Canada which has a rather youthful squad of the average age of 20, all future Olympics hopefuls and prepared to go flat out to boost their chances for the 1988 Olympics in Calgary, Canada.

To test their psychological advantage of leaders world champions Czechoslovakia will surely do their best with their previous head coach Jen Střel, who has made a comeback after a long interval. He replaces Ludek Bukac who led the squad to the world's gold and, understandably, is keen on a successful debut at the "Izvestia" prize tournament. Sweden and Finland, who were clearly below par at the

latest world championship, will try hard, too.

The USSR team are eager to regain their fans' favour after losing the world title at the previous world championship in Prague and to prepare as best they can for the forthcoming world championship. The team has a fortunate blend of youth and experience, and that, according to coaches Viktor Tikhonov and Vladimir Yurzaov, could do the trick.

The opening Czechoslovakia-Sweden bout was a 3-3 draw.

Alexander BUTSENIN



National championship top skater Nellya Artemova of Moscow, picked up the title in the Moscow Dynamo skating rink. For over one year she was out of competition after delivering a baby daughter, Natasha. This is her second such gold: she won the first four years ago at the age of 20. The men's title went to 22-year-old Viktor Shabalin of Alma-Ata, in an event held at Medeo, outside the city.

Photo by Pyotr Sergeev

World cup finalists grouped

The loss for the world football cup in Mexico has roped the USSR, France, Canada and Hungary into the first stage of the cup.

Five-year-old Luis Barroso decided the grouping of all the 24 finalists. Italy and Bulgaria will clash in the cup's opening game on May 31.

Group One comprises Italy,



Moscow Region Dynamo volleyball team beat Belgium's Lennik 3-0 in a European Cup Winners Cup game at the Moscow Dynamo Palace of Sport.

Photo by Sergei Proshukov



Bulgaria, Argentina and South Korea. Group Two: Mexico, Belgium, Paraguay and Iraq. Group Three: France, Canada, the USSR and Hungary. Group Four: Brazil, Spain, Algeria, and Northern Ireland. Group Five: West Germany, Uruguay, Scotland and Denmark. Group Six: Ireland, Morocco, Portugal and England.

Specialists agree that the most thrilling competition will be in Group Five. France are favoured to triumph in Group Three but their head coach, Henri Michel, claimed his side would face acute competition from the USSR and Hungary, who, he stressed, had made great headway of late.

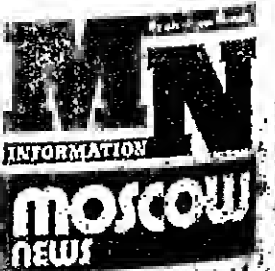
Championship running for a year

For nearly a year now chess fans just cannot learn who is the 1985 national chess champion. The championship held in Riga back in January this year "failed" to produce a winner. Mikhail Gurevich and Alexander Chernik, both from Moscow, and Viktor Gavrilov from Vilnius shared the first three places, and under the regular tournament rules, the championship has been scheduled to determine who is who.

The extra tournament has six games played in two rounds in Vilnius. The first three games were drawn. If the opponents have the same number of points at the finish all will be decided by their showings in the main tournament in Riga next January. There International Master Gurevich had the top rating ahead of Grandmasters Gavrilov and Chernik.

Meanwhile new world champion Garry Kasparov has gone to Hilversum (Holland) for a six-game training match with Dutch Grandmaster Jan Timman who recently beat Mikhail Tal in an extra match at Montpellier (France) to win a place in the challenger semifinals. Kasparov, who played Black, won the first game in the 52nd move.

Viktor BABIKOV chess observer

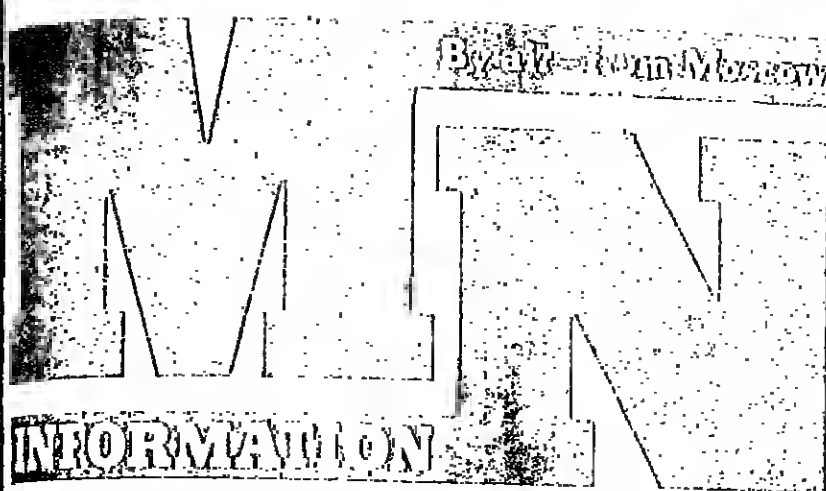


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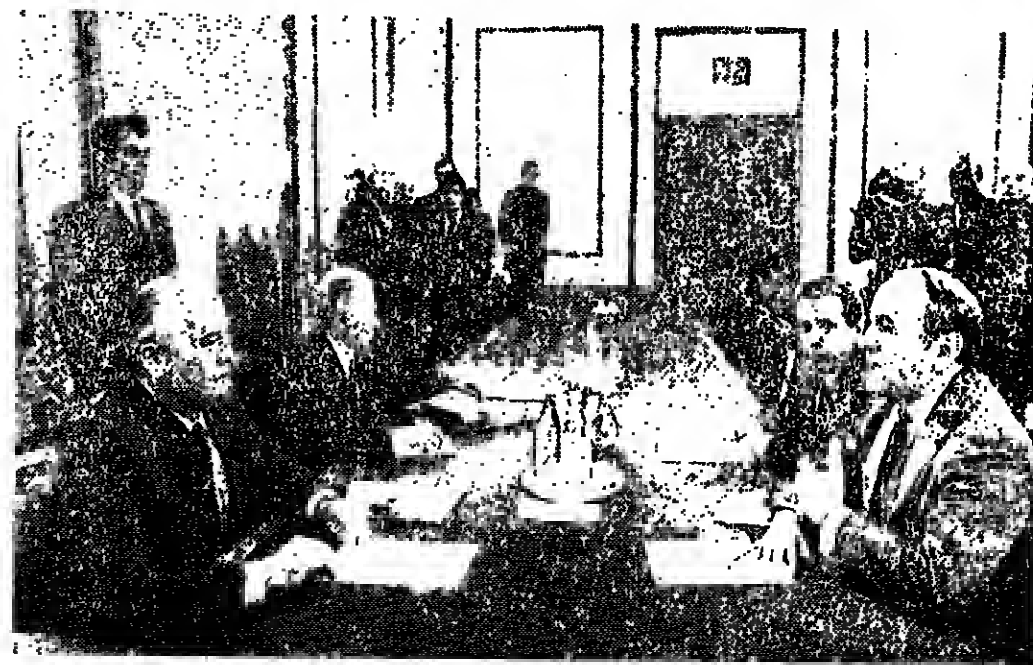
Mikhail GORBACHOV: To pass on from competition in armaments to disarmament

Based on deterrence by nuclear weapons is wrong. It is impossible to achieve peace through arms race on earth or in space.

It was said by Mikhail Gorbachev during his talk in Berlin with US Professor and Lowa, US Co-Chairman of International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War.

His appearance, the howls the US have set out to prevent implementation of the arms accord, to disrupt or to make another Soviet-American summit took cheap, Gorbachev said.

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Mikhail Gorbachev listens attentively as Bernard Lova, American Co-Chairman of International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War, emphasizes a point.

On 4th extraordinary session of the Council for Mutual Economic Assistance held recently in Moscow approved a Comprehensive Programme for Scientific and Technological Advancement up to the Year 2000.

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INTERNATIONAL PEACE MARCH

Nearly 300 representatives of the public of some American and European nations are participating in an international march in Central America. They have held a series of rallies in Nicaragua at which they strongly condemned the criminal aggression against that country.

A message presented to Nicaraguan Government the marchers demanded the country's determination to solve the Central American explosive crisis peacefully.



Photo AP-TASS

Politbureau regular meeting

The Politbureau of the CPSU Central Committee has examined acceleration in the development of the material and technological basis for the processing industries in the agroindustrial complex between 1986 and 1990. A decision of the CPSU Central Committee and the USSR Council of Ministers on this issue spells measures for expanding and reconstructing the existing enterprises within these industries and construction of new ones; it also envisages the introduction of new highly effective resource-saving technological processes which would ensure more profound and complex processing of the raw materials so as to increase the output of foodstuffs.

The Politbureau approved Mikhail Gorbachev's talks with the Member of Politbureau, head of the Permanent Secretariat of the Central Committee of Algeria's National Liberation Front Party, Mohamed Chérif Messadia, who conveyed to the Soviet leader a personal message from the country's President Chadli Boudjedir. The Politbureau also expressed satisfaction with the positive development of the friendly and all-round cooperation between the Soviet Union and the Algerian People's Democratic Republic, and considered as important the links between the CPSU and the National Liberation Front Party of Algeria.

The Soviet Union's course towards stronger relations with Algeria is a specific expression of the principled CPSU support for peoples moving along the road of independence and socio-economic revival.

IMMEDIATE POLITICAL ACTION IS NEEDED

The pivotal issues of today are the prevention of the arms race from spreading into outer space and also the need to curb it here on Earth. The American "star wars" programme remains a major obstacle to the solution of these issues.

This was declared at a Moscow press conference attended by Vice-President of the USSR Academy of Sciences Academician Yevgeniy Velichkov, Director of the Institute of US and Canadian Studies Academician, Georgi Arbatov, Director of the Institute of Space Research attached to the USSR Academy of Sciences Academician Rodol Sadykov, Deputy Departmental Chief, USSR Armed Forces General Staff Lt-Gen. Viktor Starodubov and Deputy Head of the International Information Department of the CPSU Central Committee Albert Vlasov.

The speakers stressed that time was a crucial factor and that political efforts could not be put off till some time in the future. They are needed as a matter of urgency. They said the continuation of the arms race and the appearance of new types of weapons make dialogue and agreements extremely difficult even today. Scientific and technological progress in the military sphere is steadily exhausting the available time and shrinking the possibilities of taking political actions on the problems of war and peace.

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PROSPECTS FOR JOINT SPACE EFFORTS

Scientific achievements can and will be used for peaceful exploration of outer space. This is a tangible alternative to the "star wars" insanity, the President of the USSR Academy of Sciences, Academician A. P. Alexandrov, has maintained.

Answering questions in a TASS interview, he noted the practical expediency and feasibility of a world space organization for international cooperation in peaceful exploration.

It would be possible to significantly expand the practice of sending into outer space joint interplanetary research stations and to jointly launch interplanetary spacecrafts. It would also be possible to think about international space stations and organization of joint expeditions to other planets, Academician Alexandrov said.

ELEKTROSTAL'S YOUNG ARTISTS

The art studio of a Children's House of Culture in Elektrostal, a town near Moscow, is known in many countries. On various occasions its talented young artists have won the main prizes at prestigious competitions of children's drawings. Recently eight-year-old Asya Abulolker took the Grand Prix at the 3rd international competition held in the Japanese Kanagawa prefecture. The competition involved thousands of children from scores of countries. Two years earlier another young artist of the same studio, Lena Obraztsova, had won the Grand Prix at the same competition. At that time she was awarded a special prize of the Japanese UNESCO association president.



The award presentation was held at Moscow Friendship House, where another 76 Soviet children, who had entered a drawing contest sponsored by the Japanese Nippon firm, also received prizes.

Olya Troitskaya, also of the Elektrostal art studio, won gold, silver and bronze medals all at once.

Photo by Alexei Fedorov

SALNIKOV

TOPS AGAIN

Triple Olympic champion Vladimir Salnikov from Moscow scored a double win in the European cup in a 25 m pool in Hertogenbosch, Holland. He won the 400 m freestyle in 3 min 46.13 sec and went on to dominate the 1,500 m in 14.45.59.

Specialists and newsmen are referring to Salnikov's "spectacular comeback", noting his skill and brevity, as he has already led first international

meet after a long interval caused by injury and illness. Regrettably, he was the only winner in the Soviet men's team at this two-day competition.

Like a year before, the USSR men's squad placed behind cup winners West Germany and the GDR, while the Soviet women's team was relegated from their last year's second position to the sixth, behind the GDR, Holland, West Germany, Sweden and Italy.

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